Insurance claims of sugarcane growers of Andhra Pradesh

1949. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of help extended to the sugarcane growers of Andhra Pradesh who have lost heavily due to severe floods last year;

(b) whether it is a fact that those farmers have not been paid the insurance money, so far; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) to (c) Sugarcane growers are compensated under National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (NAIS) in case they have insured their crop against the damage caused by natural calamities including floods. Admissible claims under NAIS are worked out and settled based on the yield data made available by the State concerned. Claims pertaining to sugarcane crop in Andhra Pradesh have been settled up to Kharif 2004. In Kharif 2004 alone claims amounting to Rs. 63.73 lakhs have been paid to sugarcane growers.

Requisite yield data for sugarcane crop in respect of Kharif 2005, is yet to be received from the State. The admissible claims for Kharif 2005 would be settled thereafter.

Occupational deaths of fishermen

1950. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether occupational deaths are high among fishermen;

(b) if so, whether proper safety measures are being taken to protect them;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN): (a) to (d) Fishing occupation as such is prone to